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In re application of

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MAGE-3 DERIVED IMMUNOGENIC PEPTIDES
PRESENTED BY MHC OF CLASS II AND
THE USE THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of an action on the merits,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 7, with
the following rewritten paragraph:

--In a preferred embodiment, cells playing an important
role in the induction of the immune response, such as APC,
dendritic cells etc., are genetically engineered with vectors
encoding the peptides of the invention (for example viral or
retroviral vectors, such as those from adenovirus or lentivirus
or MLV). Furthermore, the peptides can also be fused with a
suitable protein carrier, to have a satisfactory processing and
expression at the cell surface. Accordingly, the DNA encoding
for the epitopes of the invention, may be inserted in a suitable

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